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March 24, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger H-307, U.S. Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I request funding for the Red River Authority Miscellaneous Pump Station & Tank Renovations in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Red River Authority of Texas, located at PO Box 240 Wichita Falls, Texas 76307. The funding will be used to make improvements to the LA Tucker & Nimmo Pump Stations, including tank rehabilitation and pump station upgrades. Furthermore, improvements will include replacing pumps, piping, surface preparations, recoating of interior and exterior of storage tanks, pressure tanks, electrical, control work, and addition of generator quick connects.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it is vital to the lives of the rural Texans who rely on the Red River Authority's systems and the agricultural industry they sustain. However, the Authority's water systems were designed in the 40s and 60s and desperately need repairs due to the aging infrastructure. If it weren't for the Authority, many of these systems would have had to have been abandoned years ago, forcing many communities to relocate. Moreover, these rural systems are slowly decaying, causing their rural customers to deal with continual outages from leaks and increased rates to deal with water loss and updates to the infrastructure. Federal assistance is needed because these rural customers can no longer afford to pay for the additional infrastructure improvements required to keep the system from failing. Additionally, the project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 42 U.S.C. 300j-12. I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, nor does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress

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